

# Why Open Data?



The goal of open data is to take datasets out of government silos where it may sit idle and put it into the hands of people who can unlock its economic and social value

- Transparency is the new default
- Data belongs to the public
- Should be broadly accessible and usable by humans and machines
- Free of any constraints

# **History and Current Use**



- Launched in 2015
- Immediate impact
  - Reduced PIR
    - DIR, TPWD, CPA
- Application development
  - CPA web app Texas Ahead
  - Cap Metro mobile app for bus routes
- GIS capability
  - Built in auto mapping function
- Federated search capability
  - City of Austin State open data

#### **Who Uses the Portal**



# Signed agreements

- Capital Metro
- Comptroller
- Facilities Commission
- DFPS
- DSHS
- DIR
- TDLR
- Parks and Wildlife
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- Racing Commission

# Usage

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#### **How Much Is It?**



Offered to agencies and other eligible government units for the low, low cost of ...

# FREE

- The Texas.gov program absorbs the cost of uploading datasets
- Citizen use of data is always FREE

# **Getting Started**



#### Contract offered through Texas.gov Program

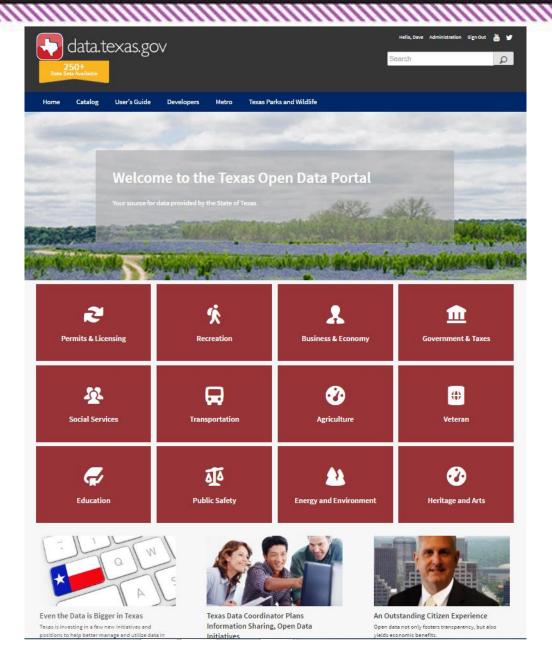
- Agencies sign a Customer Agreement
- Agencies provide a list of Publishers
- Start uploading data!
- Agencies are responsible for content

## **DIR Provides Ongoing Support**

- Onboarding Guide
- Demos
- Always available for questions and follow on support

## The New Site!





# **Next Steps**



# Recap of Changes

- Mandatory Metadata categories when uploading data
- Data Stories
- New Tile Categories
- User's Guide

#### **Questions**



# Questions?

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